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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/14/08 (withdrawing final OA request).
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-15,30-42 and 49-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-15,30-42 and 49-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

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1. This Office Action is the answer to a response received on 3/11/2008.
2. Claims 1-15, 30-42, and 49-54 are pending in this application.

Response

3. There was a typo error that made the Office Action mailed on 1/03/2008 FINAL. That Office Action was supposed to be a Non-Final Office Action. The examiner regrets for any inconvenience it would make.

After carefully considering the applicant's argument and the pending claimed language that the applicant claims his own intellectual property; the examiner withdraws the Office Action mailed on June 15, 2007, and presenting the following rejections based on 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph from what applicant claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claims 1, 30, 36, and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for "a navigation routing system" comprising a navigation guide 50 (this is already a quite well-known subject), does not reasonably provide enablement for one skilled in the art to make the same invention and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Independent claims 1, 36, and 49 assert a "navigation guide adapted to automatically determine ..."; independent claim 30 is a navigation system comprises "means for automatically

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determining...". Claiming "automatically determining" definitely requires a software with codes in order to "automatically" achieve claimed results (see the applicant's disclosure, paragraph [0015] – a navigation guide 50 comprises software (the examiner fails to find this software with its computer-readable codes), or a combination of software (containing computer-readable codes) and hardware); the specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to duplicate the disclosure commensurate in scope with these pending claims.

5. Dependent claims 2-15, 31-35, 37-42, and 50-54 are rejected on 35 USC 112, 1st para. also because they inherit their parent claims' problem as above.

Conclusion

6. Claims 1-15, 30-42, and 49-54 are not patentable.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CUONG H. NGUYEN (email address: cuong.nguyen@uspto.gov) whose telephone number is 571-272-6759. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, THOMAS G. BLACK can be reached on 571-272-6956. The Rightfax number for the organization where this application is assigned is 571-273-6759.

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Please provide support, with page and line numbers, for any amended or new claim in an effort to help advance prosecution; otherwise any new claim language that is introduced in an amended or new claim may be considered as new matter, especially if the Application is a Jumbo Application.

/CUONG H. NGUYEN/
Primary Examiner
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